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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN: LOCAL NGO TO VISIT DETAINEES

REF: A. 07 MANAMA 1105

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Classified By: Charge d'Affaires, a.i. Christopher Henzel for reasons 1 .4 (b) and (d).

- 1.(SBU) Summary: The Bahraini government has agreed to grant a local NGO access to four of the fifteen detainees held in connection with the December 2011 protests.
- 2.(U) In the immediate aftermath of the December riots (reflets), the Bahrain Center for Human Rights and the Al-Haq movement publicly accused the Bahraini government of torture and ill-treatment of detainees.
- 3.(SBU) Poloff met with XXXXXXXXXXXX(please protect) on January 24. XXXXXXXXXXXX confirmed that the GOB agreed to give XXXXXXXXXXXX private access to the detainees.
- 4.(C) Comment: The Bahraini authorities recognize they need to deal with the torture allegations in a more transparent fashion. The arrangement